

Dear Fellow Delawarean,

When it comes to protecting our families, safeguarding our wallets, knowing our rights as victims of crime, or understanding how the

law can make our communities better, information is the key. Equipped with knowledge, we can make choices that greatly reduce our risk of becoming a victim of crime, and we can direct how our communities change for the better.

The mission of the Delaware Department of Justice is to protect Delawareans from harm by enforcing the law and being your advocate. We're here to help you, and also to give you the information you need to help yourself and your family. Inside this brochure, you'll learn how our Community Prosecution program is fighting crime in neighborhoods across New Castle County and how you can join us in the effort.

Together, we can keep Delaware safe and strong.

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## **Community** Prosecution

### Working together to reduce crime



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# Partnering to fight crime

The Delaware Department of Justice Community Prosecution Program works to prevent crime by opening channels of communication between community members and law enforcement and by focusing on the unique needs of individual communities. It brings residents, civic leaders and business owners together with prosecutors and police to identify criminal behavior and tackle it head-on.

Attorney General Biden launched Delaware's first community prosecution program in Wilmington's Southbridge neighborhood in 2007. In 2008, he expanded the program to include thirty-seven prosecutors, assigned to six teams throughout New Castle County.

Each community prosecution team is assigned to one of six geographical "zones" across New Castle County (see map on following page). Teams consist of prosecutors and other staff who specialize in different types of crime in order to provide a wide range of experience and knowledge to each community they serve.

Community Prosecution teams spend time with police and community groups in their areas to share information, address repeat and serious offenders, and focus on important cases to the community.

## New Castle County Community Prosecution Teams



Teams have prosecutors who specialize in the following areas:

- Misdemeanor Crime
- Domestic Violence
- Felony Crime
- Child Protection
- Juvenile Crime
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- Drugs
- Violent Crime
- Child Support

A statewide Nuisance Abatement team works with community prosecutors to clean up properties where drug and vice crime flourish. Learn more about Nuisance Abatement by visiting <a href="www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/">www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/</a> nuisanceabatement.

### Get involved

The Community Prosecution Program gives residents a chance to make a difference in their community. Communication between residents and law enforcement is crucial to reducing crime in our neighborhoods.

Contact the Delaware Department of Justice to get involved and meet your Community Prosecutor today!

To learn more or to get involved visit www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/communityprosecution

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